



### **Fumigation Committee**

October 22, 2013

11:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

### **MINUTES**

#### **Attendees**

Pamela Peckman, Chair  
Anne Bookout  
Ed Hosoda  
Harvey West  
Michael Botha  
Chris Arne  
Sean Brantley  
Herb Yeaman  
Frank Hertel

Lee Whitmore  
John Sansone  
John Achzet  
Roger Holman  
Manuel Aguilar  
Rene Borja  
Janet Rowley  
Nate Tamialis  
Dave Mueller

Ellen Thoms  
Ben Harl  
Sean Glover  
Chellie Hartzer  
Pat Hottel  
Pat Kelley  
Gene Harrington

The meeting convened at 11:05 am. Attendees introduced themselves.

Mr. Harrington outlined NPMA's efforts to push legislation retaining the food uses for the fumigant sulfuryl fluoride. He detailed NPMA's multipronged approach including pushing stand alone legislation, inserting a study provision in the pending Farm Bill and helping develop language precluding U.S. Environmental Protection Agency from using funds during fiscal year 2014 to consider non-pesticidal substances in the risk assessment for sulfuryl fluoride.

Mr. Yeaman led a discussion of EPA's registration review of phosphine and the metal phosphides. The public docket for the process just opened and EPA is accepting initial comments until November 25. The registration review process is expected to last seven years.

Ms. Bookout reviewed the impending changes to the methyl bromide label.

Mr. Harrington updated the group on the status of pending chemical security legislation. The April fertilizer plant explosion is impacting the future of the U.S. Department of Homeland Security's Chemical Facility Anti-Terrorism Standard. In August, President Obama issued an Executive Order on chemical security.

Ms. Bookout updated the group on continued Clean Air Act issues for fumigators.

Mr. Harrington briefed the group on a recent agreement between EPA and the Natural Resources Defense Council on revisiting the safety standards for dichlorvos by May 31, 2014.

Mr. Sansone informed the group of the California Department of Pesticide Regulation's examination of chlorpyrifos. CA DPR is proposing to classify the compound as a carcinogen.

Mr. Holman introduced himself to the group and mentioned some of his and APHIS' upcoming projects.

The meeting adjourned at 12:45 pm.

